GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:234
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAIL LINE
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of resources has come down sharply for construction of new rail lines during the current plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure allocation of sufficient funds for this purpose ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 234 BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2004 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAIL LINE.

(a): No, Sir. The expenditure incurred on new lines including restoration of dismantled lines in the 9th Plan was Rs.2913.40 crore. As against this the likely expenditure to be incurred in the first three years of the 10th Plan would be about Rs.4770 crore.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): A number of initiatives have been taken in the past few years for generation of additional resources through project specific funding for National Projects, funding from Ministry of Defence, Public/Private partnership and non-budgetary initiatives for National Rail Vikas Yojana. Remote Area Rail Sampark Yojana has also been announced in the interim budget 2004-05 which envisages investment of Rs.20,000 crore in 5 years on projects which have been taken up on socio-economic considerations for development of backward, remote and under-developed areas. However, the resources for this Yojana are yet to be tied up.